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Sir:

REQUEST AND RESPONSE

The Examiner is requested to issue a Supplemental Notice of Allowability, if deemed necessary to assume clarity with the Office of Patent Publications, for example, which clearly indicates that claims 55-72 and 74-79 have been allowed, and that the Amendments of June 17, 2002 and August 19, 2002 have been entered. The Notice of Allowability received with the Notice of Allowance dated September 4, 2002 (Paper No. 27) does not include a list of the allowed claims (i.e., claims 55-72 and 74-79) in item 2. Moreover, the date of the June 17, 2002 and August 19, 2002 Amendments are not included in item 1.

Responsive to the Interview Summary dated August 13, 2002 (Paper No. 26) the undersigned believes the Summary accurately reflects the issues discussed. The Office is requested to accept this Response as the requisite Statement of the Substance of the

Interview. The Examiner is requested to advise the undersigned in the event anything further is required in this regard.

Respectfully submitted,

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